

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please CANCEL claim 11 and AMEND the claims in accordance with the following:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of handling international trade finance transactions, comprising:

providing access to transaction financier staff and to international commercial trade finance work items corresponding to a trade commerce transaction financing and comprising issuances, advisements, amendments and payments, at remote spoke user access locations;

processing the work items at the remote locations which are geographically dispersed locations across multiple time zones using a rollover rules table responsive to a guaranteed completion time based on Greenwich Mean Time to automatically rollover and reassign work from one location to another location allowing constant processing; and

processing, using at least one computer having a processor, at a consolidated centralized hub processing location coupled to said remote locations, all the work items across multiple bank organizations, and consolidating back office processing of the work items in real-time with constant processing availability by using workflow routing between the remote locations as they become available for handling the work items and using a consolidated computer database in processing the work items, the database having multiple base currencies each base currency corresponding to a country source of the transactions.

2. (Currently Amended) A method of handling international trade commerce transaction financing, comprising:

accessing the international trade finance work items comprising issuances, advisements, amendments and payments, at remote spoke user access locations in different time zones;

processing the work items at the remote locations which are geographically dispersed locations across the different time zones using a rollover rules table responsive to a guaranteed completion time based on Greenwich Mean Time to automatically rollover and reassign work from one location to another location allowing constant processing; and

providing back office processing of the work items across multiple bank organizations using at least one computer having a processor, across the different time zones in real-time using a consolidated computer database in processing the work ~~items~~<sup>item</sup>, the database having multiple base currencies, each base currency corresponding to a country source of the transactions, at a single consolidated hub processing location having one or more computers coupled to said remote locations.

3. (Withdrawn) A method of handling international trade commerce transaction financing, comprising:

accessing the international trade finance work items comprising issuances, advisements, amendments and payments and a document image related to the work item by the transaction financier staff through a user interface; and

processing, through a single consolidated processing system, the work item across multiple bank organizations in real-time and providing the image of the document with constant processing and image availability using a consolidated database in processing the work item, the database having multiple base currencies.

4. (Currently Amended) A method of handling international trade commerce transaction financing, comprising:

Accessing, through a user interface, international trade finance work items comprising issuances, advisements, amendments, and payments to transaction financier staff;

Processing the work items at remote locations which are geographically dispersed locations across multiple time zones using a rollover rules table responsive to a guaranteed completion time based on Greenwich Mean Time to automatically rollover and reassign work from one location to another location allowing constant processing; and

Processing using at least one computer having a processor, with Around-the-clock capability, the work items ~~across-at the locations including~~ multiple bank organizations in real-time using a consolidated database in processing the work items, the database having multiple base currencies by a single consolidated processing system.

5. (Original) A method as recited in claim 4, wherein work item processing is referenced to a global system time.

6. (Withdrawn) A method of handling international trade commerce transaction financing, comprising:

Accessing, through a user interface, international trade finance work items comprising issuances, advisements, amendments, and payments; and

Processing, by a consolidated processing system, work items across multiple bank organizations in real-time using business objects having an object hierarchy with common code in ancestor objects, reusable service objects providing services only, reusable component objects and hooks within the objects allowing addition of code without altering the common code and using a consolidated database in processing the work item.

7. (Currently Amended) A method of handling trade commerce transaction financing, comprising:

initiating execution of a business object at geographically distributed processing locations which are geographically dispersed locations across multiple time zones using a rollover rules table responsive to a guaranteed completion time based on Greenwich Mean Time to automatically rollover and reassign work from one location to another location allowing constant processing, each location including user work stations having a processor and a trade finance interface; and

performing, by an application server having a processor, back office trade finance business logic for processing international trade finance transactions across multiple bank organizations in real-time responsive to initiation by the work stations with constant processing availability using a consolidated database in processing, at a consolidated central processing location coupled to said distributed locations, and the database having base currencies corresponding to country sources of the transactions.

8. (Original) A method as recited in claim 7, wherein said business object communicates with a consolidated database server for data required by the business logic.

9. (Original) A method as recited in claim 7, wherein one of the work stations executes a business object.

10. (Original) A method as recited in claim 7, wherein a communication object communicates between the interface and the business object.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Original) A method as recited in claim 7, wherein the business logic is performed relative to a trade instrument identified on said interface, the trade instrument having a trade document associated therewith and said system further comprising an image server storing an image of the document and a link to the instrument, allowing the interface to retrieve the image from the instrument.

13. (Original) A method as recited in claim 7, further comprising connection and transport objects providing communication between said interface and said business object.

14. (Original) A method as recited in claim 7, wherein said interface includes only input output logic.

15. (Original) A method as recited in claims 7, further comprising an object communication service requesting attribute values for fields of a window of said interface.

16. (Original) A method as recited in claim 7, further comprising an attribute manager accessing an attribute object for an attribute of the business object.

17. (Withdrawn) A method of handling trade commerce transaction financing, comprising:

providing access to trade finance work items comprising issuances, advisements, amendments and payments and a document image related to the work item and an instrument to the transaction financier staff at geographically distributed processing locations, each location located in a different time zone and including user work stations having a trade finance interface initiating execution of a business object, and

processing the work items and across the different time zones providing twenty-four hour seven day a week processing by assigning the work items to workers at different geographic locations having different work periods and providing the image of the document with constant processing and image availability items comprising issuances, advisements, amendments, and payments, using a work flow distribution rules table and a rollover rules table with a rule making process at a consolidated central processing location coupled to said distributed locations and

consolidating back office processing of the work items using a consolidated database in and comprising:

holding and executing, by an application server, the business object to perform trade finance business logic responsive to initiation by the work stations, a communication object communicating between the interface and the business object, and an attribute manager accessing an attribute object for an attribute of the business object;

storing a consolidated database comprising data required by the business logic and having multiple base currencies by a database server; and

storing an image of the document and a link to the instrument, allowing the interface to retrieve the image from the instrument, the document or the work item an image server.

18. (Withdrawn) A trade finance system, comprising:

remote spoke user access locations providing access to trade finance work items; and  
a centralized hub processing location coupled to said remote locations and consolidating trade finance logic function processing of the work items.

19. (Withdrawn) A trade finance system, comprising:

remote spoke user access locations providing access to a trade finance work item and located in different time zones; and  
a hub processing location coupled to said remote locations and performing trade finance logic function processing of the work item across the different time zones.

20. (Withdrawn) A computer readable storage media for controlling a computer by initiating trade finance processing of trade finance work items from geographically distributed locations and performing trade finance logic function processing the work items in a centralized location.